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IDF RETENTION IMPLEMENTATION (U)

A. COMICEDEFOR LTR SER S20 OF 3 SEP 1974

1. (U) ORIGINATOR MET YESTERDAY WITH AMBASSADOR HANS ANDERSEN, LEGAL ADVISOR TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND AMBASSADOR IRVING TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF OCT 74 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. MEETING TOOK PLACE AT IDF HEADQUARTERS AND IS BEST DESCRIBED AS A VERY FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND A CANDID APPRAISAL OF THE CONSTRAINTS AFFECTING BOTH SIDES.

2. (C) AMB. ANDERSEN STRESSED THE POLITICAL NECESSITY OF MAKING A POSITIVE START AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE AND TO BE ABLE TO SHOW REASONABLE PROGRESS. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING
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ONLY THROUGH THE OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED COORDINATING

GROUP (F.M., AMB. ANDERSEN, AMB. IRVING AND CIDF) TO PRECLUDE OTHERS FROM "HORNING IN ON THE ACT." BELIEVE CAVEAT INTENDED TO

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APPLY TO OTHER MINISTRIES, IN GENERAL, BUT SPECIFICALLY TO DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION AGNAR KOFOED-HANSEN. AMB. ANDERSEN ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING FARSIGHTED SO THAT ACTIONS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOST RECENT AGREEMENT "WILL ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY OF REPETITION OF THE 1971 FIASCO."

3. (C) ANDERSEN PRESENTED A LIST OF 12 "POINTS FOR DISCUSSION" AS FOLLOWS:

A. TAKE OVER OF FUNCTIONS (CLARIFIED DURING DISCUSSION AS MILPERS REDUCTIONS).

B. HOUSING. C. SEPARATION OF AREAS. D. IMPROVEMENT OF AIRPORT (CATEGORY II) E. TERMINAL COMPLEX. F. GEOTHERMAL HEAT. G. COOPERATION WITH COAST GUARD, CIVIL DEFENSE AND CIVIL AVIATION (THREE SEPARATE ITEMS). H. ADJUSTMENT OF AGREED AREA (NJARDVIK). I. TRANSPORTATION BY ICELANDIC COMPANIES. AND J. AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE. THE FIRST NINE POINTS ARE KEYED TO THE OCT 74 MOU OR AGREED MINUTE, AND THE LAST THREE ITEMS ARE RELATED TO POINTS A AND C ABOVE. EACH ITEM WAS DISCUSSED IN GENERAL (CURRENT STATUS, FUTURE PLANS, POSSIBLE PROBLEM AREAS, ETC.) WITH MOST OF THE TIME SPEND ON PLANS AND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES FOR MILPERS REDUCTIONS.

4. (C) ORIGINATOR ADVISED AMB ANDERSEN THAT ACTION COULD BE INITIATED

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IMMEDIATELY TO DELETE 30 MILITARY BILLETS (12 FLEET WEATHER FAC, 11 NAVCOMSTA AND 7 MARBKS) FOR WHICH CIVSUB IS NOT REQUIRED. NOTE: 1000/3 ALREADY SUBMITTED ON 12 FWF BILLETS. AMB ANDERSEN WAS ADVISED THAT ACTUAL MILPERS REDUCTION WOULD TAKE PLACE BY ATTRITION OVER A PERIOD OF MONTHS. HE RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO HAVE A DEADLINE AS LONG AS THE WHEELS WERE IN MOTION.

5. (C) CIVSUB BY DIRECT HIRE OR CONTRACT WAS DISCUSSED AS THE SECOND STEP IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED 420 MILPERS REDUCTION. PRIORITY 1 WAS ASSIGNED BY CIDF TO USCG LORAN MONITOR STATION FOR CIVSUB OF 10 BILLETS (1 STATION LEADER, 4 TECHNICIANS AND 5 WATCH-CONFIDENTIAL

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STANDERS) AS C.G. HAS BEEN ANXIOUS TO GET STARTED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS NOW. CONCURRENCE OF GOI WAS RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING AND ACTION ALREADY INITIATED BY CO C.G. LORAN MONITOR STATION TO EFFECT CIVSUB IAW PARA 6 TAB A, REF A.

6. (C) STEPS FOR CIVSUB AT OTHER ACTIVITIES WERE DISCUSSED. ORIGINATOR

INTENDS TO REQUEST MODEST INITIAL REDUCTIONS TO ESTABLISH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND EFFECTIVE OJT PROGRAMS THAT ARE EASILY MANAGED.

NUMBERS RANGE FROM TWO OR THREE AT EACH OF THE A.F. RADAR SITES TO 20 AT NAVSTA KEF. NAVCOMSTA WOULD COMMENCE SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM WITH NINE BILLETS (4 TECHNICIANS, 4 RADIOMEN AND 1 SUPPLY CLERK). ACTION

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TO OBTAIN CEILING POINTS AND FUNDING SUPPORT WILL BE INITIATED BY COMMANDS INVOLVED AFTER CINCLANT CONCURRENCE. CLEARANCE FOR CIDF TO RECRUIT FOR ICELANDIC EMPLOYEES WILL BE CLOSELY CONTROLLED BY MFA BECAUSE OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY. AMB ANDERSEN ASKED FOR AN ESTIMATE WHEN ACTUAL HIRING WOULD COMMENCE AS "THE POLITICIANS WILL WANT TO KNOW." HE WAS TOLD IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT AT THIS TIME DUE TO TWO UNKNOWN: THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED ICELANDIC LABOR AND THE TIME NEEDED TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDING SUPPORT. 7. (C) AMB ANDERSEN AGAIN REITERATED DESIRABILITY OF CONTRACTING FUNCTIONS OR SERVICES WHERE FEASIBLE. THIS THOUGHT OBVIOUSLY PROMPTED HIS LAST TWO DISCUSSION POINTS (PARA 3 ITEM I AND J). FOLLOWING THREE FUNCTIONS THAT LOOK PROMISING FOR POSSIBLE CONTRACT VICE DIRECT SUBSTITUTION WERE DISCUSSED: A. AIR TERMINAL OPERATIONS (67 MILPERS INVOLVED). B. BOQ/BEQ OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (59 MILPERS ASSIGNED). C. FUEL SYSTEMS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (25 MILPERS ASSIGNED). CO NAVSTA KEF HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO UPDATE AND RE-FINE COST ESTIMATE CONTAINED IN APPENDIX 2 TO TAB A OF REF A. ORIGINATOR INTENDS TO PROPOSE CONTRACTING ABOVE THREE FUNCTIONS IF COST ESTIMATE IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE THE COST OF DIRECT SUBSTITUTION.

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8. (U) IT WAS AGREED THAT NEXT MEETING WOULD BE IN MID JANUARY TO HEAR PRESENTATION BY ICELANDIC DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION ON MATTERS CONFIDENTIAL

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IN THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT THAT RELATE TO CIVIL AVIATION IN ICELAND.
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